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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF  
A DEFECTIVE OATH OR DECLARATION

Commissioner for Patents, **Box PCT**  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

With reference to the Notification of a Defective Oath or Declaration received for the above application (copy enclosed), in particular item 4, Applicants submit herewith a newly executed Declaration and Power of Attorney by inventor, Mark G. Luehrmann, which indicates his citizenship to be that of the United States. Although it is not clear from the Notification received from the PTO, it is believed that this is the only inventor for whom citizenship was not identified. That omission has now been corrected.

With further reference to item No. 1 of the Notice, the undersigned attorney believes that the prior Oath or Declaration was in fact executed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68. In particular, §1.68 requires the following:

Any document to be filed with the Patent and Trademark Office and which is required by any law, rule, or other regulation to be under oath may be subscribed to by a written declaration. Such declaration may be used in lieu of the oath otherwise required, if, and only if, the declarant is on the same document, warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment,

or both (18 U.S.C. 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon. The declarant must set forth in the body of the declaration that all statements made of the declarant's own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

It is brought to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office that this language is present on the Declaration on page 2 directly above the information for the first inventor, Mr. Luehrmann. This objection is respectfully requested to be dismissed.

The undersigned believes that all requirements of the Patent and Trademark Office have been met and that the application is in condition for issuance of the official Filing Receipt.

In addition, please provide any further extensions of time which are required or charge any additional fees which are required Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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